

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 509

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mack Henry Reed of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mack Henry Reed; and

WHEREAS, Mack Reed was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 14, 1930, in Senatobia, Mississippi, Mack Henry Reed was the son of Mack Duffy Reed and Azalee Williams Reed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and attended Owen College, now LeMoyné-Owen College; he was certified as a carpenter through the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the Foley Institute, through which he obtained his professional locksmith license; and

WHEREAS, a Korean War Veteran, Mack Reed was drafted into the United States Army and served on active duty from 1951 to 1953 and continued his military service as a member of the Army Reserve from 1953 to 1959; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Mack Reed was actively involved in the ACT Preparation Program, sponsored by Moolah Temple No. 54, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., P.H.A., and participated with numerous Masonic organizations as a Master Mason with Eureka Lodge No. 3 F&AM (P.H.A.), Past Master, Treasurer: Royal Arch Mason with Eureka Chapter No. 8 F&AM (P.H.A.), United Supreme Council, Grand Inspector General 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Grand Lodge Office, Grand Director, Knights of Pythagoras (Emeritus); Vice President, Order of the Eastern Star: Eureka Chapter No. 241, Past Patron; Moolah Shrine Temple: No. 54 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc., Past Illustrious Potentate; Imperial Council-Imperial Chief Deputy Custodian; Imperial Council: Honorary Past Imperial Potentate; and many more organizations; and

WHEREAS, he was a Silver Life Member of the NAACP, past elected trustee of the Carpenter Local Union No. 345, and a life member of the Local Union No. 345; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed grew up in Mt. Zion Church in Tate County, Mississippi, and was an active and devout member of Morning View Baptist Church for more than sixty years; he served as chairman emeritus of the Deacon Board and Trustee Board, church photographer, and Sunday School teacher for class #7; and

WHEREAS, Mack Reed was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed enjoyed the support and companionship of the love of his life, his beloved wife, Charlie Mae Reed, for over sixty years until her passing; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his children, DaMita Reed-Hameen (Basim) and Dr. Jarvis D. Reed (Dr. Patrice), and his six grandchildren, Atty Jarred Reed, Jessica Reed, Jordan Reed, Jason Reed, Aliyah Hameen, and Sultan Hameen; his in-laws, Jackie Rogers (Nellie), LaVerne Rogers Williams (Ezell), Cecile Rogers Mitchell, Jessie Rogers, and Shirley Rogers Hill; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, the oldest of three children, Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Elmore Reed and Charles Reed; and

WHEREAS, Mack Reed leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mack Henry Reed, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Reed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.